

25.4.1972 Peria Kannai

6.30 A.M to 8.00 A.M

Fleming's, Other Teals, Pelicans,
Heron, Open billed stork, Egrets, ~~are~~
there in the Kannai. Few Common Sand
pipers and some hundred Wood Sand
pipers are in the ^{paddy} fields. I saw one one
leg Common Sandpiper. The Wood Sand
pipers which were usually seen ~~in one~~
singly here and there are numerous
in number. Probably they were returning
and staying on the way.

After a long interval I saw
a few Black winged Shits which
posses a fresh problem whether they were
resident or local migrants.

A Brain fever Bird (heard
in the past) and Grey headed Prakeets?
are near the Kannai.

Pipits are still around
and wagtails not seen.

I saw two Yellow throated
Sparrow. Copulate on a tree five or six times
with short intervals.

29.4.1972 Peria Kammai 6.00 - 7.00 A.M.

- Cloudy weather -

The water level is decreasing fastly and today crossed the canal running alongside the bund and ~~app~~ went near the water.

The Black winged Stilts were numerous and their wings are much darker than in Feb & Jan. A Duck with over all black appearance and white wing bar was seen (Some 50 in number) Tree Ducks are also there. Heron, Flamingos, Spoonbills, Gulls, Painted Storks were there.

On my back I saw 6 Golden Plover (Eastern) size in number with black abdomen and white line running ^{down} behind the eye. The Wood Sandpipers were still there in the wet fields in flocks.

The Aerial display of a Tree Pipit (went up very high in the sky like a nightingale not by wingbeating but by sweeping upward wavy motion) is very interesting.

Shrikes are almost absent.

30.4.1971, Devipattanam 6.00 - 8.15 A.M.

Full moon on 28-4-71 - Water went far back beyond the mangroves.

Most of the birds were not there
few Herons, Turnstones, Less Sand
Plovers, Large Sand Plovers (in breeding
Plumage) Indian Reef Heron, Bitterns
(two kinds) Common Sandpipers (few)
Wood Sandpipers are there in small
numbers.

The water will come up for in
the months of November and December.
One more visit may be made to this
place in Thirupalaikudi in 2.15 or 15.15.

Only the evening time is ideal
for best light.

I should carry note books.
with me.

2-5-72 Periakannai 6.00 A.M to 7.30 A.M

Cloudy weather; I went by cycle and crossed the small canal. To day I was able to see four Flimingos in very close quarters. One has no black tip to tail and its legs are deep red in colour. When feeding they use their legs very well. Egrets scratch the mud by one leg and then probe the mud for food. The flimingo does both things simultaneously. Actually they are dancing. They go back ward side wards and come forward moving both legs rhythmically.

Spoon bills, Herons, Tree Ducks, Painted Storks, Pelicans, Some other Ducks? Black winged Stilts, are numerous.

Few wood Sandpipers, Few large Plovers, Lesser Plovers, One Common sand/piper were there still. Herons are increasing in number day by day.

5.5.72 Perikannai (Near Chye) 4.00 to 5.00 P.m.

Cloudy weather

I went by cycle in the Madurai Road and reached southern bank of the Kanna. To my surprise there were some 3000 Painted Storks in batches or flocks of 500 each. They were standing in close knitted flocks. With them few Pelicans and few Egrets were seen. Faliminges were less in number. I counted some 60 standing singly or in small flocks almost in the shallow end of the western portion. Two kinds of Terns one with black streak on the stomach and the other with ^{pearl} grey colour and long pointed wings were seen. Two Black necked ibis and one shikra and a pair of fishing Eagles were seen. Ducks were seen at a very far off in the long distance.

6.5.1972 Near Church 9.30 A.M.

Eastern Indian Reef Heron (only one) were seen after a long interval of one month in the Ymwerie near the church where ~~Egrets~~ were breeding.

7.5.1972 ~~XXXX~~ Devipattanam 4.00 to 6.30 P.M.

- High tide at 4.00 P.M. rose to High^{est} level by 6.30

It was a ~~surprising~~ ^{thrilling} visit. In the month of May the birds in their breeding dress were numerous and makes me wonder Large ^{Sand} Plovers, Grey Plovers, Lesser Sand Plovers, Turn Stones Sociable Plover, Wood Sandpipers, Common Sandpipers, Curlew Sandpipers, Pure White Terns(?)

Bittern, Grey Heron, Eastern Reef Heron, Black Bellied Finch Lark, Skylark(?), Pied Wagtail (in salt-pans) Paddy Birds and The Eagle which I saw near Periakannai.

① Red legs
 Back and wings edge
 Bill black 5 c-m. ^{white}
 titwee titwee
 Neck grey

② Larger Sand Plover

③ Utter Black neck
 wing part neck
~~edge~~ line white ^{Bigger}
 Bill thick ^{short} ~~black~~ ^{size}

④ Lesser sand Plover

⑤ Sand plover with
 thick head dark grey
 above and white
 streaks

⑥ White Gull with
 few black markings
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Wag tail head black
 size bigger than bird
 almost black long
 white eye stripes
 29, 29

6.5.72

11.00 A.M

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8.5.72 Periakammai 5.30 to 6.30 P.M

Overcast - Cloudy weather - no sun -
water decreasing slowly -

Flemings (in ~~2000~~) Spoonbills.
500, Hermes 100, A.W. Shits 300, Egrets 50-100

were there and they were very near to the shore. Few Common Sandpipers and 2000 Avocets were also seen. Painted strokes and Pelican were in the southern most end.

To day I saw Avocets first time and their feeding habit is very peculiar. The readily swim and when water level is not much they wade and then. A Uniform movement like that of Black necked Ibis. They turn this side and that side as if directed by some command. The Flemings are doing their usual dance. Black winged Shits make lot of noise.

15.5.72 Periakannai 6.45 to 7.45 Am.

Kavanoor End

Heavy Rains and cloudy weather
for the past 5 days. all over Tamil Nadu.
Unusual in summer

Water coming in from Vaigai
canal for the past two days.

There will be water for two
more months atleast.

Plicans, Felimonos, Blacks
Winged Slits, Painted Stroks, Egrets are
in large numbers.
They. The absence of Herons notable.

Sam-pipers were not seen
and I think it is not possible to see
them again before August. Anyhow
I must try at Devipattanam and
Sethukarai.

14.5.72 Alankarai

Went to the sea shore with
a Doctor. Except Brahmany Kites no other
bird was seen there.

17.5.72. Sakaraitkottai Kanmai 6.00 A.M. to 7.00 A.M.

Due to recent rains there is about half foot water in the kanmai. A few Painted Storks and ^{one or two} Herons ~~are~~ ^{are} there. I saw a few flocks flying off from the kanmai. They might be probably Pelicans.

While returning I saw flocks of Cormorants flying eastward.

Painted Storks daily fly over Rammed in the mornings towards west probably to Peria Kanmai. Some herons are also seen with them.

(Drango)
The King Crow near Sakaraitkottai Kanmai is raising its second brood and I saw the bird sitting on the nest.

There is no sign of Sandpipers or Plovers.

17.5.72 Devipattanam 4.30 to 6.00 P.M.

No clouds - but not hot - Wind
Velocity very high - even pushing me down
Phase of moon - semi waxy wissed - low tides.

First I am very much disappointed
because there was not even a single
bird in the sea-shore. I thought they all
~~was~~ left for their home land. Due to the
high winds they were not in the usual
place. When I went ~~to~~ 2 K.M north I was
able to spot - light Grey Plovers
three in full breeding plumage some
50 meters inside the water edge. Further
in they were 10 or 12 Large Sand Plovers
in breeding plumage. Two Lesser
Sand plovers were on the water edge.

8 or 10 Terms not identifiable
due to went - went past above me.
Two Terms with clear black head also
fly away. 9 Herons were there standing
facing the wind in the sea water. While
returning I saw a solid waxy grey
Plover near the swamp.

20.5.72 Sethukarai 8.00 A.M to 9.30 A.M.

Bright Sunny day - High waves. Sea colour
light-Brown.

From Thiruppalani went by walk. On the
way the following Birds were seen.

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| 1. White headed Babbler | 21. Ashy Swallow Shrike |
| 2. Common Bee Eater
(absence of tail spine)
as in the last year | 22. White Breasted K. Fish |
| 3. Jungle Babbler | 23. Grey Partridge |
| 4. Sun bird (Purple) | 24. Tern let. X. |
| 5. A Falcon X. | 25. Rose Ringed Parakeet |
| 6. Malhoha X. | 26. Ring Dove |
| 7. Tree Pie X. | 27. White Throated Munia |
| 8. Indian Robin | 28. House Sparrow |
| 9. Hoopie | 29. Redvented Bulbul |
| 10. Palm Swift | 30. Blue Jay |
| 11. Swift?
(marsh habit) | 31. Pariah Kite - 2 |
| 12. Myna | 32. Brahminy Kite |
| 13. Heron | 33. Fishing Eagle ? |
| 14. Large Egret | 34. Flamingo (Sakkavikottai) |
| 15. Paddy Bird | 35. Black winged Stit. |
| 16. Black bellied F. hawk | |
| 17. Golden Backed Woodpecker | |
| 18. King Crow | |
| 19. Crow 20. Jungle Crow | |

21.5.72 Peria Kanmai 6.00 A.M to 7.30 A.M

~~Hot~~ Early Hours. No wind
By cycle I went upto Tholuvallur and found
some old nests of Herons on a Peepal in Tholu
Vallur.

Water ~~completely stops~~ is not flowing in
through the Vaigai canal and the estimate
of the people is that the water in the Kanmai
will last for more than a month.

Fleming's about 50, Black
winged stilts, Painted Storks, Herons
Pelicans were there in small number.
Because of frequent shootings the birds
are wearied away. One hunter told me
that they were in large numbers near
about 15 km west in the Paramakudi
Road.

I had a conversation with
Kunuvikar's. They say one Shikra will
cost Rs. 100.

Wear Birds were building
nests near Bulledge. Tree Pipit, Cormorant,
Small terns were notable observations.

7.6.1972 Periakannai 6.00 A.M. to 7.30 A.M.

hot windy day with few clouds and less sunshine.

water level gone down considerably.

Fishing net contractor making fire alarms with country song.

To my surprise there were about 20 Common Sandpipers.

Falmingo about 300 scared by the

sound fly around the kannai for nearly half an hour and at last landed near the Painted strokes which numbered about 1000 in number. Few Pelicans also were there with Painted strokes. Avocets about 50 in number were there swimming in shallow waters.

Black Winged Stilts about hundred in number engaged in feeding as scattered parties. Their wings are very black in colour and they are fighting with one another.

Few Egrets and herons and Spoonbills were also there. The water will be there

for about another fortnight, and it will

be interesting to watch the closing days of drying of the only watered tank in the Dist.

11.6.72 Peria kammai - 4.00 P.M to 5.00 P.M

Sunny day. Heavy winds.

The water almost dried up and there will be water only for six or seven days.

Flingos, Black Necked Ibis
Pelicans, Painted Str^{are}~~there~~ ^{men} There
in small flocks and ~~contractor~~ ^{men} for
fish in the kammai is driving away
the birds ~~giving~~ ^{moving} more than 50 meters
inside the kammai. Painted Strakes
are in large numbers. and they flew
all around. Due to I am not
able to spot any small waders.

If I could have a camera
with I will make some interesting
Photographs

14.6.72 Periakannai - 5.30 to 6.00 P.M.

Due to heavy winds from east to west - the little water in lower portions near the bund was blown up in the kannai and there was only mud along the bund. Except Egrets and one or two herons no birds was seen. any were in the kannai. Within one week the kannai will ~~become~~ almost completely be dried up.

15.6.72 Thursday 5.45 to 8.30 A.M.

Devipattanam.

After an interval of 25 days I went to this place. As usual in the morning during this season the ~~water~~^{sea} was in low tide I was able to see flat land beyond the navagrahas

Plovers - Pamian or Kentish were seen. Few Green Sandpipers are also there. But due to much humidity I am not able to see clearly. Gaint Herons and were there. And with them Indian Reef Herons. One Gull flew overhead. Only the Grey Plovers in the summer dress were not there.

19.6.72 Monday 6.15-6.45 Periakannai.

Near the bund There is only mud and the people are catching fish. 200 - Pink Storks, 100 Herons, few Egrets were in the kannai. Flemingoes were not there and I think I can see them in some other kannai where there is still some water. The kannai will dry up completely within four or five days.

2.7.72 Bakkarakkannai kannai 7.00-7.30 a.m.

Still there is little water ~~east~~ shallow ditches between fields. 50 Egrets few Paddy Bird are there and they are busy catch fish. Saw a Cormorant flying over head towards East. Three Chicks of Drongos with with velvet like dark brown plumages were there on a tamarind tree and the parents of making lot of noise when I observed it. Chicks

9.7.1972 Periakannai Thal 6.45-7.30

- karnai completely dried up.
- ☺ Cloudy drizzling weather.

I saw three Black winged Kites
two of them engaged in Building trees
(~~200~~ ²⁰feet) One bird is making
lot of noise and most probably there must
be some eggs in its nest and it flew off
when I observed it. 50 to 70 weaver
birds in bright yellow Breeding plumage
were there. White ~~throated~~ Munia
were also there in large numbers. Common
Bee-eaters, Ringed Doves, Pipits,
Pariah and Booming Kites, Redvented
Bulbul, Grey Paddybirds, White Breasted
King Fishers, Lots of Drongo, Crested
Larks were also there. ~~My~~ ^{My}nas. Crows
Egrets, Streaked Wren Warbler were also

Kavanoor Road.
17.8.1972 Peria Kannai 6.00-7.30 A.M.

There ~~was~~ no rain for the past ~~three~~ four months. Even the Dorunni's are part drying up. Heavy winds and hot sun and long dry spell of weather are not encouraging for Bird watching.

When I visited the sludge area to day there is no sign of any Black Winged Kite which built its nest 40 days earlier.

Pigeons, Bulbul, Weaver bird, White Throated Munia, Sunbird?, One Warbler, Egrets, Lark, Black Belliced Finch Lark ~~here~~ there in small numbers.

In the early hours at about 6.00 A.M. I ~~saw~~ ~~some~~ 20 Herons in the Dorunni near the Agraham in Nainarkoil Street.


20.8.72 Setthukarai 7-30 - 9.30.

Up to Thimpullani I went by bus and walked up to Setthukarai.

On the way I saw ^{common} ~~few~~ Bee Eaters

(vent and lower abdomen white - throat dirty white - head light Green - Whole plumage Green - no tail spine) They may ^{be} young ones or they are in plumage.

Near Setthukarai: few herons in flight - two Curlews - 15-20 Turn stones - ? One Egret (small) bill thick and very black - legs black and stout - two petioles plumage in the head

In the Thorny bush I saw across a Drango the tail of which is very slightly forked  and which very black and stout body. Many Hoopoes with bright white stripes were there.

3.9.1972 SETHUKARAI. 6.45-8.30

[No wind - hot sun - low tide at 6.45
the rising gradually - no rain]

I got hold of the 6.10 Bus and reached
SETHUKARAI by 6.45. One curlew and
20 Turnstones and few Turnlets were
there. First time I saw a pair of Little
Green Heron and in the Thorny bush
nearby a new ^{bird} which eluded me several
times made identification impossible. There
are about the size of ^{Grey} Partridge and had
white wing bars. But when they flew
there is no whizz sound usually made
by Partridges.

While travelling in the bus I
saw a Sandpiper like bird near 3.K.M mark
lagoon.

Because of hot sun I saw a Vulture
over Thirupullani with white patch
on the belly.

11.9.1972 Devipattinam 4.00 - 6.15 PM

Sunny-Windy afternoon - sea receding
fully beyond Navagrahas by 6.15 - swimming
going -

After an interval of nearly three
months I visited the place with friends. I
should have visited the place a month ago.

Curlew (10-12) single birds only
Wimmerel (5-10)

Grey Plover (10-12) in breeding plumage

Golden Plovers (5-10)

Turn Stone (numerous)

Common Plover (numerous)

Grey Herons (35)

Egrets or Reef Heron

One bittern

One Pelimingo (a solitary bird no red) ?

Lesser Plover

Flying Eagle or ?

Terns (about six five in number)

all flew away from the sea by 5.15

Grey-Black Crest

30.9.1972 Kavanoor Road 6.00 - 7.00.

After a long dry spell there is little rain yesterday. Even though all the tanks were dried up there is little muddy water in the shallow beds. Paddy Birds, Egrets, One Painted Stork, Heron are visiting these tanks in the early mornings. 8 or 10 Golden Plovers visited the muddy flats a few days ago. 13 to 16 Kentish Plovers are visiting regularly in the mornings and they may be in immature plumage because their colours are not so white.

The Blue tailed Bee Eaters which were very common during the last season by this time is completely absent this year. Few swallows are flying in the evenings. Orioles are not at all arrived here. Shrikes are also not yet arrived. Wagtails are not yet arrived. The Egrets are not yet started building ^{their} nests in the tamarins. I should visit Sethukavai Thirupalaigudi in the coming weeks.

12.10.1972 Kavanoor Road 6.30 to 7.25 A.M.

For the past few days Rained
has daily rain and the tanks around
have some water

To day I have the opportunity of
recording many birds which were
absent for the past few months

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| ✓ 1. Little Egret. | ✓ 17. Common Bee Eater |
| ✓ 2. Medium Egret. | ✓ 18. Blue tailed Bee Eater |
| 3. One white water bird | ✓ 19. White Throated Munia |
| which flew with more | 20 Sparrow |
| than 10" outstretched | ✓ 21 yellow Throated sparrow |
| neck | ✓ 22 Common Crow |
| ✓ 4. Black winged Kite | ✓ 23 Jungle Crow |
| ✓ 5. Brahmany " | 24 Warblers |
| 6. Pariah " | ✓ 25 Black Bell' Finch Lark |
| 7. Turnstones ? | ✓ 26 Sky lark |
| ✓ 8. Common Sandpiper | ✓ 27 Pipit |
| ✓ 9. Paddy Bird | ✓ 28 Palm Swift |
| ✓ 10 Blue Jay | 29 Swallow |
| ✓ 11. King Crow | ✓ 30 Ring Dove |
| ✓ 12 " | ✓ 31. Crow Pheasant |
| ✓ 13C. Babbler | 32. Sunbird |
| ✓ 14. Jungle Babbler | 33/ |
| ✓ 15C. Myna | 34 |
| ✓ 16 Brahmany Myna | 35 |
| | 36 |
| | 37 |

28.10.1972 Kavanoor Road 6.30 to 8.00 A.M.

Heavy rains lashed in and around
Ramnadi for the past four days - low dep-
ression - all the kannains nearly full.
Paddy sub-planting to start with in a week.

By cycle I went up to the 5 k.m. ^{mark} in the
Kavanoor Road all most all the migrants
are again here except the local migrant
Golden Oriole. After a long interval I ^{saw} ~~seen~~
a few Blue tailed Ble. eaters.
from the list of bird seen on 12-10-1972
~~All the 26~~. Excepts the six birds
which are not ~~sticked~~ (✓) all the 26 ticked
birds were also seen to day. Babbler
and sunbirds were conspicuously absent.
It ^{may be} due to the Heavy Rains which lashed.

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| 27- Paradise Fly Catcher | 35- ^{large} Cuckoo Shrike |
| 28- Painted Stork | 36- Richard's Pipit |
| 29- Heron | 37 Ashy Wren |
| 30- Cormorant | 38 Striped Fantail |
| 31- Marsh Sand piper (1000) | 39 Tailor Bird |
| 32- Richard's Pipit | 40 Little Egret |
| 33 Common Sand piper | 41. Parakeet (Rose) |
| 34 Shrike ? (Common Wood) | |

9.11.1972 7.00 to 9.00 Periakammai North end

Heavy rain for the past four days.
Water flowing into Kanmai and Vaigai.
Pleasant Cloudy weather.

Egrets and Paddy Birds are numerous.
Larks Pipits (Richard and Indian) are in
large numbers in the Road.

1. Little Egret 2. Paddy Bird 3. G. Kite
4. P. Kite 5. Common Sandpiper 6. Spotted Sand
piper 7. Blue Jay 8. K. Crow 9. C. Crow 10. C. Babbler
11. W. C. Myna 12. B. Myna 13. Crested Cuckoo
14. L. Bee Eater 15. Blue Tailed Bee Eater 16. W. breasted
King Fisher 17. Red King Fisher 18. Sparrow
19. Yellow Throated Sparrow 20. B. Bellied F. Lark
21. Crested Lark 22. Tree Pipit 23. Rich. Pipit
24. Swallow 25. Palm Swift 26. Crow Pheasant
27. Sunbird 28. Bittern ? 29. Black Winged Kite
30. Parakeet 31. Paradise Flycat 32. Ashy Wren
33. Brown Warbler 34. Teal

Spotted Sandpipers very common.

13. 11. 1972 Kavanoor 6.30 - 7.45

- Sunny bright day. no wind or clouds.

I went to up to Kavanoor Kanmai. The water in it ~~is~~ full but there is no sign of any birds building its nest. Few Painted ~~Storks~~ Storks and Teals are seen flying.

Birds with the birds seen on 7.11 the following were also seen.

38. Painted stork

37. Kestrel

39. Hoopoe

40. Indian Reef Heron (Grey plumage)

41. ~~Common~~ ^{The Brown} Shrike

42. Striated weaver

43. Godwit

Indian Skylarks and Pipits numerous.

9.10.1972 Devipattanam - 3.15 to 5.15

Rainy - Cloudy - sea in low tide
all salt-pans ~~not~~ in ~~was~~ started by rain and
sea waters - Navagraha $\frac{1}{2}$ feet only visible.

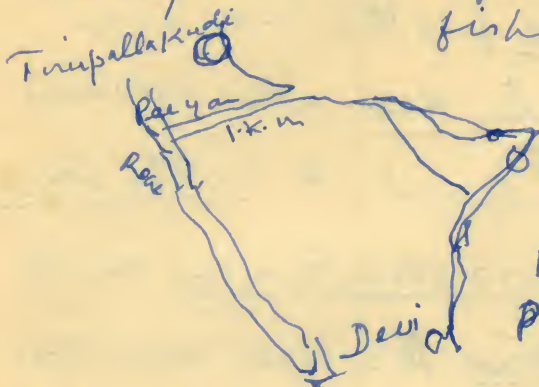
With Abraham went up to half
way mark. Returned due to rain.

Little ringed Plovers, Common
sand pipers (Velvety Brow) ^{little} Stints
are numerous

One Curlew and one Brown
Gull were seen. Black colour
Indian Reef Tern(?) with white in the
neck two ~~to~~ three seen. Terns ~~were~~ also
seen.

14.11.72 Thirupallaikudi 3.30 to 5.00

7 K.M North of Thirupattanam. Peeyam
(L.P. 2322) running near and falling in the sea.
cloudy weather and water in the river. sea shore
thorny and muddy and not straight. Lot of
fishing boats and numerous
Pariah Kite there.



Mr. Hydrose North 91-
helped to visit the sea shore
he also told me that lot of
Pitta's visiting in this season.

Birds seen in the sea shore and on the banks
of the river

1. Indian Reef Heron (6510 Black and Grey sizes
variable on the river bed)
2. Brown headed Gulls. 49
3. Black bellied Plovers 50
4. Red Shank 51
5. Whimbrel 42
6. Curlew 53
7. Ketish Plover 54
8. L. Ringed Plover 55
9. Lesser Sand Plover 56
10. Black tailed Godwit
11. Spoon bill (one in flight) 57
12. Teals
13. Grey Herons (Breeding) 58
14. Pied Kingfisher
15. Brahminy Kite
16. Pariah Kite
17. Kestrel (6.00 P.M. near Road)
18. Grey Partridge (heard)
19. Large Egret 60 59
20. Terns 61
21. Large Teal ? 62

16-11-72

Peria Kammai Northern End 6-45 to 7.45 A.M.

Cloudy Monsoonic weather - no rain
and no sunshine.

After a long watch I was able to
note the First ^{Golden} Oriole for this season.

White breasted Water Hen also appeared
after the summer interval. A Little Green
Heron and a Common Snipe and
Blacktailed Godwit Drilled me near
the thatu.

42. Little Green Heron

43. Common (Fan-tailed?) Snipe

44. Blacktailed Godwit

45. Golden Oriole

46. Indian Robin

47. Redvented Bulbul

48. Openbilled Stork

18-11-72 Devipattanam ROAD up to 7 K.M. 6.30 to 7.30 A.M.

cloudy chill weather - Depression weakened
Sunny after 7.00 A.M.

All along paddy cultivation almost completed. Still lot water in the Ditches on the sides and water flowing in the Culverts.

There is no sign of Pheasant Tailed Jacana in the tank which has some lotus floating.

63. The Green Sandpiper

64. The Little Cormorant

65. Tree Pie

66. White Throated Munia

67. Ashy Swallow Shrike

68. Red wattle Lapwing

69. Pied Wagtail

70. Rock Pigeon

71. White Scavenger Vulture

I was fortunate to observe a little

Green Heron in breeding nuptial
Crest at close quarters.

72. Common Kingfisher

19-11-72 Seltukarai 8.45 to 8.45 A.M.

Two days for full moon day - sea at low tide - cloudy weather.

On my way I saw Indian Reef Tern in black and slaty plumage. A Pair of yellow Grey headed wagtails ~~were~~ also there. No noticeable bird like.

At estuary The sand bars are visible for about 100 metres in the sea.

Great black Headed Gulls, Black Headed Gulls, Brown Headed Gulls and Black Headed Gulls were there on the sand bar about 100 in number. Teals and plovers came in large numbers from the islands towards the land. A Pair of Terns wing edges black ~~black~~ there.

82 Purple Sunbird
83 Blyth's Warbler
84 Hume's White Throat
85 Tailor Bird.

73. Grey Headed Yellow Wagtail

74. Golden backed Woodpecker

75. Shikara

76. Great Black Headed Gull (immature plumage)

77 Black Headed Gull

78 Caspian Tern

79. Whiskered ~~Tern~~ ^{big Tern}

80 Lesser Black Headed Gull

81 Purple Rumped Sunbird

2 1-12-72 Devipattanam 3.45 to 5.45 P.m.

Full moon - Clear sunny weather - Sunset ~~5.11~~ 5.39 P.m.
Moon Rise ~~6.02~~ 6.02 P.m.

Water with daraws upto navabashanam as in the summer.

I walked near the mud flat into the sea for 100 metres and had a close look of the Frangeneys and Terns.

500 to 1000 Terns assembled in a mud flat mostly Indian whistled.

Whimbrels and Curlew were in very large numbers and they were making a lot of noise. ^{Indian} Beef Herons about dozen seen. Some with out throat white. I was able to saw two white patches in the wings in one birds when it ~~fly~~ was flying towards me. Little Green Heron (V). Green Shank, Red Shank, L.R. Plovers, and other small birds ^{were} seen.

- 86. Green Shank
- ? 87 Shoveller
- 88 Spotted Owllet
- 89 Marsh Sandpiper

24/11-1972 Madurai Road up to 6 km 6.30 to 7.45 A.M.

Bright Sunny day-

To day two flying parties of Fleming's
one 10 birds and the other of 3 birds were seen
for the first time in the season. The first
party was going directly towards East and
the next one towards South. Most probably
they may be in large numbers in Kanoor
Kannai. No sign of birds in Peria Kannai
because water was not decreased ^{enough} as to enable
wading birds to stand there

I heard a barbet

I saw a bird south of College
- Pariah Kite broad eye white brow
Crown black, nape white. wings black
wing coverts spotted birds

This bird may be Croshawk

More than six Crested cuckoo
fighting with each other and chasing spotted
doves.

90. Fleming's

91. Croshawk

92. Crimson Breasted Barbet

26. 11. 1972 Sakkarai Kottai Kammal vai Periapattam
~~08.10.72 320025~~ Cart Road

- Sunny Day - Very warm climate -

Went up to Thakkutharavai - not able
to see any Pelicans; But People there told
that it ~~was~~ ^{used to} come there when there was much
water. Seven to Ten Painted Stroks
feed on the grassy ground like cattle.
Probably eating small crustaceans. Saw one
Kestral. Hundreds of Black Bellied
Finch Larks were on the cart road.
A Little Heron also seen with the p. stroks.
On my way back I saw the Owllet ⁱⁿ and
the same tree.

26.11.1972 Mandapam Road 8 K.m Return via Cart Road
Mayavaram. 4.10 to 6. P.M.

After cycling 8 K.m in the Trunk Road
I took a short cut Cart Road laid recently in
the two side paddy (sown as panchai crops) is in
Green mature condition. There were many
birds (Green bee Eaters - Cattle Egrets - Parakeets.)
I was able to saw few birds which eluded
me for the past fortnight. In the evening
some hundred Bee Eaters common flew
over Ramnad circling each other.

93. Spotted Dove

94. Black Headed Cuckoo Shrike

95. Baybacked Shrike

96 Red Winged Bush Lark

97 Loken's Sunbird